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SUBJECT:FH-227B HELD BY MPLA IN ANGOLA

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1. DEPT OFFICER TALKED ON FEBRUARY 23 AND 24 WITH ALLEGHENY VICE PRESIDENT FOR AIRCRAFT SALES RICHARD SPAULDING ABOUT FH-227B STILL IN HANDS OF MPLA. SAPULDING CONFIRMED THAT FINAL PAYMENT FOR PLANE IS IN ESCROW AND FALLS DUE ON

FEBRUARY 27. IN AN EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL TO SAF MARINE, ALLEGHENY HAD SOUGHT SOME MEANS TO KEEP TITLE BEYOND THAT DATE, BUT ON FEBRUARY 24 ALLEGHENY RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM THORPE WHICH SAID THAT SAF MARINE CONSIDERED ITS IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TERESTS WOULD BEST BE SERVED BY TAKING TITLE TO THE AIR-

## CRAFT ON SCHEDULE.

- 2. ALLEGHENY HAS ASKED TWO OF ITS CONTACTS TO ELICIT FROM THE MPLA SOME EXPRESSION OF ITS INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE PLANE AND EXPECTS TO HAVE AN ANSWER BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM LUANDA, CAPTAIN CARLEY WAS GIVEN TO BELIEVE BY THE MPLA THAT THE PLANE WILL BE RELEASED AND THAT HE WILL BE WELCOME TO COME BACK TO PICK IT UP AND FERRY IT TO NAMIBIA.
- 3. AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM ALLEGHENY WE WILL LET YOU KNOW THE RESULTS OF THEIR SOUNDINGS. IF NECESSARY, THE DEPT WILL DO WHAT IT CAN TO HELP OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE PLANE. INGERSOLL

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